



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

May 13, 2003

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors

**APPROVE THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE FOR
THE CITY OF CUDAHY, FUNDED UNDER
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996.
(FIRST DISTRICT- 3 -VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the alternative plan for expenditure submitted by the City of Cudahy to expand the Clara Street Park and Sports Center and to develop a bike path to the Los Angeles River, and to delete the acquisition, improvement, and provision for public access for a Los Angeles River Recreation and Sports Complex adjacent to the Los Angeles River as specified under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (M) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action would change the purpose for which the specified project funds could be used. The 1996 Proposition, Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (M) allocates \$4,200,000 to the City of Cudahy, in cooperation with the City of South Gate, for acquisition, improvement, and provision of public access for the Los Angeles River Recreation and Sports Complex adjacent to the Los Angeles River, and for restoration of riparian habitat. The proposed new project would be an expansion of the Clara Street Park and Sports Center and the development of a bike path to the Los Angeles River.

The City of South Gate will perform the riparian habitat restoration using \$1,500,000 of the funds provided under this Section of the Proposition. The City of Cudahy is requesting your Board's approval of an alternative plan for expenditure of the remaining \$2,700,000 to provide for the 2.4-acre expansion of its Clara Street Park and Sports Center and development of a bike path to connect it to the Los Angeles River Bikeway. The proposed alternative project would expand an existing park that includes the City's sports center, and would make the park accessible by bike path from the Los Angeles River.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendation furthers the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1.1.1 (Service Excellence) and Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by assisting the City of Cudahy to acquire and develop the Clara Street Park and Sports Center expansion and to develop a bike path to the Los Angeles River .

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funding for the project totaling \$4,200,000 are in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Bond Project Fund (HB6) under Other Charges. The 1996 Proposition, Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (M) designated \$4,200,000 to fund this project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Specified Project funds identified in the 1996 Proposition, Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (M) are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition. An alternative plan for expenditure may be approved for expenditure of these funds prior to July 1, 2003, only if one or more of four conditions is met:

- A. that due to natural disasters or other acts of nature the project is incapable of being carried out at the original designated site;
- B. if an acquisition project, that no lands are for sale or can be acquired within the original designated project area;
- C. that the original specific identified project will be carried out using an alternative source of funds; or
- D. that the original specific identified project described in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition has been completed for less than the amount allocated.

The City of Cudahy complied with the procedures for an alternative expenditure plan set forth in the 1996 Proposition. On April 15, 2003, the City Council adopted a finding that land suitable for a regional recreation and sports complex adjacent to the Los Angeles River is not available within the designated project area. The City provided

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documentation to support that finding. The City Council's resolution (Attachment A) also requests approval by your Board for the City's alternative plan for expenditure. The City of Cudahy's request is supported by the City of South Gate, which indicated its cooperation by adopting a resolution on February 24, 2003 (Attachment B.)

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will have no impact on any other project funded through the District but is required so that the City of Cudahy may proceed with its project acquisition and development of the Clara Street Park and Sports Center expansion and the development of a bike path to the Los Angeles River.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Gallagher
Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 03-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 03-06 BY SETTING FORTH ITS REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE \$4.2 MILLION APPROVED BY A 1996 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CUDAHY CLARA STREET SPORTS COMPLEX PARK EXPANSION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in November 1996, County voters approved the Los Angeles County Parks, Beach and Recreation Act of 1996 (hereinafter "the 1996 Act") to provide for a \$319 million park and open space property assessment to fund the acquisition and development of public open space, and to rehabilitate and improve dozens of park and recreation facilities throughout Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors identified the use of said funds pursuant to Section 3(c) 2(m) of the 1996 Act as follows: Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000) to the City of Cudahy, in cooperation with the City of South Gate, for acquisition, improvement and provision of public access for the Los Angeles River Recreation and Sports Complex adjacent to the Los Angeles River, and for restoration of riparian habitat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy was unable to acquire the real property necessary to create a regional sports complex, and whereas there are no alternative sites available for acquisition in or near the City of Cudahy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy has identified an alternative project known as the Clara Street Sports Complex Park Expansion Project, which would allow for a 2.43 acre expansion of the existing city park, said expansion would utilize existing city amenities (transportation, parking) and also fulfill the spirit of the "1996 Act" to create new public open space recreation and creation of a new bike path to the Los Angeles River for the residents of Cudahy and surrounding cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy is requesting authorization from the Los Angeles County Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to replace the Los Angeles River Recreation and Sports Complex with the Clara Street Sports Complex Park Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy also supports the request from the City of South Gate to complete the riparian habitat restoration project and hereby supports any other uses of the remaining funding as proposed by the City of South Gate.

WHEREAS, the Cities of Cudahy and South Gate mutually agree to support each city's project and for the appropriation of \$2.7 million dollars for the Clara Street Sports Complex Park Expansion Project and an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million dollars for the City of South Gate; and

WHEREAS, both cities agree that no additional authorization or approval will be necessary by one city to the other to undertake the approved projects; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of South Gate and Cudahy mutually agree that any remaining funds may be utilized for their respective projects without the prior consent or approval from the other City.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY DOES FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Cudahy hereby finds that pursuant to Section 5(e)(2)(2) of the 1996 Act, that no lands are for sale or can be acquired within the original designated project area.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Cudahy hereby authorize and direct the City Manger, or designee, to request Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) for the Clara Street Sports Complex Park Expansion Project and for said related acquisition and development activities from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District pursuant to Section (c) 2(m) of the 1996 Act.

SECTION 3. That the City Council of the City of Cudahy, in cooperation with the City of South Gate, herein supports and approves the City of South Gate's Riparian Habitat Restoration project and their request of an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the provision of public access to the Los Angeles River Corridor from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District pursuant to Section 3(c) 2(m) of the 1996 Act.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute all necessary documents with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District on behalf of the City of Cudahy.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to negotiate with the owners of real property within the designated boundaries of the revised Clara Street Sports Complex Park Expansion Project and to make an offer consistent with appraisals commissioned by City not to exceed 10% over the appraised value and contingent upon City Council approval; and

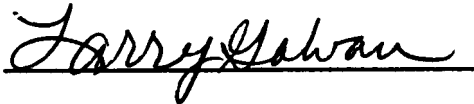
SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, which shall become effective immediately after its adoption and shall be forwarded to the appropriate local official and other interested parties.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 2003.

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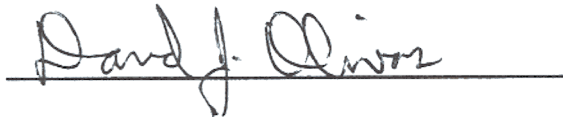
MAYOR OSVALDO CONDE

ATTEST:

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LARRY GALVAN - CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DAVID J. OLIVAS - CITY ATTORNEY



STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF CUDAHY)

I, LARRY GALVAN, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 03-11 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council at a special joint meeting held thereof on the 16th day of April, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Miguel, Silva, Vice Mayor Gurule, Mayor Conde.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Romo

LARRY GALVAN - CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 6873

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO REQUEST THE APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF THE \$1.5 MILLION OF PROPOSITION A GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT.

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WHEREAS, in November 1996, County voters approved the Los Angeles County Parks, Beach and Recreation Act of 1996 (hereinafter "the 1996 Act") to provide for a \$319 million park and open space property assessment to fund the acquisition and preservation of endangered wilderness lands, and to rehabilitate and improve dozens of park and recreational facilities throughout Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors identified the use of said funds pursuant to Section 3(c)(2)(m) of the 1996 Act as follows: Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000) to the City of Cudahy, in cooperation with the City of South Gate, for acquisition, improvement, and provision of public access for the Los Angeles River Recreation and Sports Complex adjacent to the Los Angeles River, and for restoration of riparian habitat; and

WHEREAS, in June 1996, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Angeles River Corridor Master Plan. The purpose of the master plan is to improve the recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River by: 1) enhancing the existing trail system; 2) linking existing recreational uses, such as parks, to the existing trail system; 3) enhancing the aesthetic quality of the Los Angeles River corridor through a tree planting program; and, 4) attempting to preserve the existing natural (unpaved) areas along the Los Angeles River corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles River Corridor Master Plan has identified potential locations within the City of South Gate in order to improve the recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate recognizes the need to provide recreational opportunities for its community, and that the existing trail system within the Los Angeles River corridor provides an opportunity for South Gate residents to cycle and explore the vast boundaries of Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is committed to developing projects to allow its residents to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Los Angeles River Corridor; and

WHEREAS, through the use of funds awarded under the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Specified Grant Program, the City of South Gate developed the Southern Avenue Bike Trail and Staging Area to commence its implementation of the Los Angeles River Corridor Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past year, the City of South Gate has been working diligently with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and North East Trees to develop a riparian habitat restoration project on the property located along the western bank of the Los Angeles River Channel on the south side of Imperial Highway; and

WHEREAS, significant environmental and property ownership issues have been raised that has created a concern as to the City's ability to ultimately develop the riparian habitat restoration project within a reasonable time-frame; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate intends to proceed with the implementation of the riparian habitat restoration project; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate intends to continue working in collaboration with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and North East Trees to develop other riparian habitat restoration projects along the Los Angeles River; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate also supports the request from the City of Cudahy to replace the regional sports complex with the Clara Street Park Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of South Gate and Cudahy mutually agree to support each other's project and for the appropriation of \$1.5 million for the riparian habitat restoration project and \$2.7 million for the Clara Street Park Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of South Gate and Cudahy mutually agree that no additional authorization or approval will be necessary by one city to the other to undertake the approved projects; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of South Gate and Cudahy mutually agree that any remaining funds may be utilized for their respective projects without the prior consent or approval from the other city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of South Gate hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager, or designee, to submit an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District pursuant to Section 3(c)2(m) of the 1996 Act to request the approval to use the One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Proposition A funds for the Riparian Habitat Restoration Project along the Los Angeles River Corridor.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of South Gate, in cooperation with the City of Cudahy, herein supports and approves the City of Cudahy's efforts to create the Clara Street Park Expansion Project and their request of an amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) pursuant to Section 3(c)2(m) of the 1996 Act.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of South Gate hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District on behalf of the City of South Gate.


SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall ⁶certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, which shall become effective immediately after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2003.



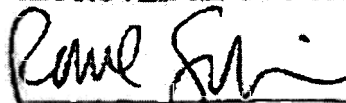
HÉCTOR DE LA TORRE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



CARMEN AVALOS
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



RAUL SALINAS
INTERIM SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION PAGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS

CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 6873 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2003,
by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: De La Torre, Gonzalez, Davila, and Martinez

Noes: **Council Members:**

Abstain: Council Members: Gutierrez

Absent: Council Members:

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on February 27th, 2003.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California